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JAMIE STETSON: Hi. My name is Jamie Stetson,

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20 I've lived in Nevada for all of my life.

21 I've also done a lot of work on the Yucca Mountain

22 project within the protesting circle of this. I've seen

23 a lot of things that nuclear waste and nuclear waste

24 improperly stored, what it can do to places. Independent

25 studies have shown that this site is not seismically a

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1 good place for this to be put. It's shown that -- DOE's

2 own studies have shown that this site is not necessarily

3 appropriate. Just because an earthquake might not happen

4 doesn't mean that it can't, okay. We know that this is

5 going to happen. The environmental changes over the past

6 30,000 years that they've shown through geological

7 reports have been extremely varied. They don't show this

8 place is going to stay the way that it is for always,

9 okay. We're looking at a very long time period here.

10 We need to look at these things and realize

11 that -- and DOE also needs to look at these things and

12 realize that it's not an issue of like, Nevadans don't

13 want the waste here or Americans don't want the waste

14 here or whoever doesn't want the waste here. We need to

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15 find a safe place for this because it's going to be  
16 around for a very long time, and whether we put it here  
17 or in Texas or anywhere else, I want to know it's going  
18 to be in a secure place where it's not going to hurt my  
19 family, my friends, my children, anybody else, and I  
20 think that that's what's most important to look at is  
21 where is this going to be most appropriately stored and  
22 where is the safest place for it, not where can we put it  
23 and not have a political battle about it.

24 Speculation is not good evidence as to any of  
25 these things as far as the environmental changes that

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1 might happen, the ecological changes that might happen --  
2 I guess they're the same thing -- the seismological  
3 changes that might happen. Speculation isn't good  
4 enough.

5 The recent resurgence of patriotism is not a  
6 reason for any of us, any of us in this room. DOE's own  
7 research people, just because we have this recent  
8 resurgence of patriotism doesn't mean it's okay to think  
9 our government is infallible. It doesn't mean it that  
10 it's okay to think our government is infallible, I'm  
11 sorry. We need to look at these things and make sure

12 that we find a safe place for this, not the most

13 convenient.

14 Thank you.

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